

In the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Withdrawn) A method of covering a body of a patient bed hand control box having a cord extending outwardly from said body of said patient bed hand control box, said method comprising:

obtaining a plastic cover having a pair of panels joined together to define an opening at an upper end of the cover and an interior cavity between the panels, and further having a flap portion extending from one of the panels and receivable over the cover opening to overlap an upper portion of the other panel;

inserting the body of the patient bed hand control box into the interior cavity of the cover through the opening thereof with the cord extending out from the cover opening;

with the patient bed hand control box in the cover, folding the flap portion over the opening into overlapping relationship with the upper portion of the other panel so as to extend over a portion of the patient bed hand control box and closing off a portion of the cover opening with the cord extending beyond the flap;

securing the folded over flap portion to the upper portion of the other panel.

2. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1 further comprising separating the flap portion into two ears, and folding the two ears over either side of the cord of the patient bed hand control box.

3. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1 further comprising adhesively securing the ears of the flap portion to the upper portion of the other panel.

4. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1 further comprising adhesively securing the flap portion to the upper portion of the other panel.

5. (Withdrawn) A method of covering a body of a patient bed hand control box with a disposable plastic cover for sanitary purposes, said patient bed hand control box having a cord extending outwardly from said body of said patient bed hand control box, said method comprising:

inserting the body of the patient bed hand control box inside an interior cavity of the patient bed hand control box cover defined between first and second panels of said patient bed hand control box cover;

separating two ears from each other on said first panel of said cover by pulling them apart along a perforated line;

removing tape from said ears thereby exposing adhesive;

folding said ears over a portion of said second panel of said cover;

contacting said second panel of said cover with said adhesive of said ears to close said interior speaker, said cord of said patient bed hand control box extending between said ears out of said interior cavity.

6. (Original) A disposable cover for a patient bed hand control box having a cord extending from a body thereof and which is adapted to be used by a person on a bed, said disposable cover comprising:

a pair of panels each having side edges, a top edge and a bottom edge, the side and bottom edges of the panels being coupled together to form a cavity therebetween sized to closely receive said patient bed hand control box body therein, the panels defining an opening

at their top edges adapted to receive said patient bed hand control box body therethrough and into the cavity with said cord thereof extending out of the opening;

means associated with one of the panels for securing the panels together at the opening with said cord of said patient bed hand control box extending out from between the panels.

7. (Original) The cover of claim 6, the securing means being defined by adhesive on a surface of one of the panels.

8. (Original) The cover of claim 7 further comprising removable tape overlying the adhesive.

9. (Original) The cover of claim 6 one of the panels having an extending flap portion sized to fold over the cover opening and into overlapping relationship with a portion of the other panel.

10. (Original) The cover of claim 9, the securing means being defined by adhesive on the flap portion positioned to confront the other panel portion when the flap is folded over the cover opening.

11. (Original) The cover of claim 10 further comprising removable tape overlying the adhesive.

12. (Original) The cover of claim 6 the securing means being defined by a mechanical closure strip.

13. (Original) A disposable cover for a patient bed hand control box for use in a hospital, said cover comprising:

a first panel having two side edges, a top edge and a bottom edge;

a second panel having two side edges, a top edge and a bottom edge, said second panel being joined along said side edges and bottom edge to said first panel to form a cavity therebetween adapted to receive said patient bed hand control box; said second panel having a perforated line extending downwardly from said top edge of said second panel which defines two ears on opposite sides thereof;

wherein said ears may be separated from each other by tearing along said perforated line and wrapped around a cord extending outwardly from said patient bed hand control box.

14. (Original) The cover of claim 13 wherein said cover is made of plastic.

15. (Original) The cover of claim 14 wherein said cover is made of polyethylene.

16. (Original) The cover of claim 15 wherein said cover is made of low density polyethylene.

17. (Original) The cover of claim 13 wherein said cover has a notch therein through which a user may adjust a volume control of said patient bed hand control box.

18. (Original) The cover of claim 17 wherein said notch has a shape in the form of a half-moon.

19. (Original) The cover of claim 13 wherein each of said ears has adhesive thereon covered by tape wherein the tape may be removed and the adhesive of the ear secured to a first surface of the first panel, thereby securing the ear to the first panel.

20. (Original) A disposable plastic cover for a patient bed hand control box for use in a hospital, said disposable plastic cover comprising:

a first panel having two side edges, a top edge and a bottom edge;

a second panel having two side edges, a top edge and a bottom edge, said second panel being joined along said side edges and bottom edge to said first panel to form a cavity therebetween adapted to receive said patient bed hand control box;

said cavity having an open top edge; and

a securing element secured to one of said panels wherein said securing element may be wrapped around a cord extending outwardly from said patient bed hand control box thereby closing the open top edge of said cavity.

21. (Original) The cover of claim 20 wherein said second panel has a perforated line extending downwardly from said top edge of said second panel which defines two ears on opposite sides thereof.

22. (Original) The cover of claim 20 wherein said cover is made of polyethylene.

23. (Original) The cover of claim 22 wherein said cover is made of low density polyethylene.

24. (Original) The cover of claim 22 wherein said cover has a notch therein through which a user may adjust a volume control of said patient bed hand control box.
25. (Original) The cover of claim 24 wherein said notch has a shape in the form of a half-moon.
26. (Original) The cover of claim 21 wherein each of said ears has adhesive thereon covered by tape wherein the tape may be removed and the adhesive of the ear secured to a first surface of the first panel, thereby securing the ear to the first panel.
27. (Original) A disposable plastic cover for a patient bed hand control box for use in a hospital, said cover comprising:
- a generally rectangular first panel having two side edges, a top edge and a bottom edge;
 - a generally rectangular second panel having two side edges, a top edge and a bottom edge, said panels being joined along said side and bottom edges to form a cavity therebetween adapted to receive a body of said patient bed hand control box;
 - said second panel having a perforated line extending downwardly from said top edge of said second panel which defines two ears on opposite sides thereof;
 - adhesive secured to each of said ears;
 - tape covering said adhesive on each of said ears;
 - wherein said body of said patient bed hand control box may be secured in said cavity of said cover by separating said ears along said perforated line, removing said tape and adhesively securing said ears to said first panel such that a cord extending outwardly from said body of said patient bed hand control box extends between said ears.

28. (Original) The cover of claim 27 wherein said cover is made of polyethylene.
29. (Original) The cover of claim 28 wherein said cover is made of low density polyethylene.
30. (Original) The cover of claim 27 wherein said cover has a notch therein through which a user may adjust a volume control of said patient bed hand control box.
31. (Original) The cover of claim 30 wherein said notch has a shape in the form of a half-moon.
32. (Original) The cover of claim 27 wherein said second panel is taller than said first panel.
33. (Original) A disposable cover for a patient bed hand control box, said cover comprising:
- a first panel having two side edges, a top edge and a bottom edge;
 - a second panel having two side edges, a top edge and a bottom edge, said second panel being joined along said side edges and bottom edge to said first panel to form a cavity therebetween adapted to receive said patient bed hand control box; and
 - a notch in at least one of said panels to allow access to a rotary volume control of a patient bed hand control box.

34. (Withdrawn) A method of covering a patient control box, said method comprising:

obtaining a plastic cover having a pair of panels joined together to define an opening at an upper end of the cover and an interior cavity between the panels, and further having a flap portion extending from one of the panels and receivable over the cover opening to overlap an upper portion of the other panel;

inserting the patient control box into the interior cavity of the cover through the opening thereof with a portion of the control box directed toward the opening;

with the patient bed control box in the cover, folding the flap portion over the opening into overlapping relationship with the upper portion of the other panel so as to extend over the box portion and substantially closing off the cover opening; and

securing the folded over flap portion to the upper portion of the other panel.

35. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 34 further comprising adhesively securing the flap portion to the upper portion of the other panel.

36. (Previously Presented) A disposable cover for a patient control box and which is adapted to be used by a person on a bed, said disposable cover comprising:

a pair of panels each having side edges, a top edge and a bottom edge, the side and bottom edges of the panels being coupled together to form a cavity therebetween sized to closely receive said patient control box therein, the panels defining an opening at their top edges adapted to receive said patient control box therethrough and into the cavity with a portion of the control box directed toward the opening; and

means associated with one of the panels for securing the panels together at the opening with said patient control box inside the cavity.

37. (Previously Presented) The cover of claim 36, the securing means being defined by adhesive on a surface of one of the panels.

38. (Previously Presented) The cover of claim 37 further comprising removable tape overlying the adhesive.

39. (Previously Presented) The cover of claim 36 one of the panels having an extending flap portion sized to fold over the cover opening and into overlapping relationship with a portion of the other panel.

40. (Currently Amended) The cover of claim ~~39~~3, the securing means being defined by adhesive on the flap portion positioned to confront the other panel portion when the flap is folded over the cover opening.

41. (Currently Amended) The cover of claim ~~40~~4 further comprising removable tape overlying the adhesive.